Balmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana

†896. DR. AKHTAR HASAN RIZVI: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government had started Balmiki-Ambedkar Awas Yojana;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the number of houses and toilets sanctioned under this scheme in Uttar Pradesh so far?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) No, Sir. The Ministry of Rural Development is not implementing Balmiki Ambedkar Awas Yojana.

(c) In view of (a) & (b) above, question does not arise.

Drinking water shortage in Himachal Pradesh

897. SHRI ANIL SHARMA: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the number of villages/cities in Himachal Pradesh not getting sufficient drinking water supply;

(b) by when Government propose to provide clean drinking water to these villages/cities;

(c) whether it is a fact that there is no water supply to some of the villages in Lambagaon, Kosari and other areas in Tehsil Jaisughpur (Kangra district) for weeks together; and

(d) if so, the action Government propose to take in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ANNA SAHEB M.K. PATIL): (a) The status of coverage of rural habitations in Himachal Pradesh with drinking water supply as per the prescribed norms is as under*:—

Fully Covered	36847
Partially Covered Not	8144
Covered	376
Total	45367

*(As per position available as on 1.4.99 and the subsequent coverage updated by the State Government.)

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.